

STATUTES AND DEFINITIONS:

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES (RTPA):

Section 29532

...transportation planning agencies designated by the Director of Transportation as follows:

- (a) For a county included within the jurisdiction of a statutorily created regional transportation planning agency, such agency.
- (b) For a county which is not included within the jurisdiction of a statutorily created regional transportation agency but for which there is a council of governments, and an election has not been made pursuant to Section 29536, such council. For a county which is not included within the jurisdiction of a statutorily created regional transportation agency but for which there is a council of governments for which an election has been made under the provisions of Section 29536 to form a local transportation commission, such local transportation commission authorized in Section 29535.
- (c) For a county not within the jurisdiction of a statutorily created regional transportation planning agency or a council of governments, the local transportation commission authorized in Section 29535.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (LTC):

Section 29535

Within each county which is not within the jurisdiction of a statutorily created regional transportation planning agency or a council of governments, a local transportation commission shall be established and composed of three members appointed by the board of supervisors, three members appointed by the city selection committee of the county or by the city council in any county in which there is only one incorporated city, and, where applicable, three members appointed by a transit district and one member representing, collectively, the other transit operators in the county. However, in a county in which there are no incorporated cities, five members may be appointed to the commission by the board of supervisors.

The appointing authority, for each regular member it appoints, may appoint an alternate member to serve in place of the regular member when the regular member is absent or disqualified from participating in a meeting of the commission.

STATUTORY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES:

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission*-- Title 7.1 of the Government Code (Section 66500 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this commission for the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency -- Title 7.4 of the Government Code (Section 66800 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this agency for the Tahoe Basin.

*The Association of Bay Area Governments is the comprehensive planning organization of the MTC region.

- Placer County Transportation Planning Agency -- Title 7.91 of the Government Code (Section 67910 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this agency for Placer County, excluding the Tahoe Basin.
- Nevada County Transportation Planning Agency -- Title 7.92 of the Government Code (Section 67920 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this agency for Nevada County.
- Transportation Agency of Monterey County -- Title 7.93 of the Government Code (Section 67930 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this agency for Monterey County.
- The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission -- Title 7.94 of the Government Code (Section 67940 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this agency for Santa Cruz County.
- The El Dorado County Transportation Planning Agency -- Title 7.95 of the Government Code (Section 67950 et al) is the act establishing and empowering this agency for El Dorado County.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG):

- Joint Exercise of Powers -- Title 1, Chapter 5 of the Government Code (Section 6500 et al) is the basis of all existing COGs in California.

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA (TMA):

As defined by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), a TMA is designated by the Secretary of Transportation for all urbanized areas over 200,000, with boundaries contiguous to that of the MPO. TMAs must include a congestion management system in their planning process and are responsible for project selection under the STP program.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO):

An organization designated by the Governor as a forum for cooperative transportation decision making for the metropolitan planning area. Federal provision requires an MPO in urbanized areas.

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AGENCY (CMA):

CMAs develop the Congestion Management Program in consultation with other agencies. CMAs can be either the Local Transportation Commission (as defined by Public Utilities Code 130000) or another public agency, as designated by resolutions adopted by the county board of supervisors and the city councils of a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population in the incorporated area of the county. If the county and cities agree, they can either designate an existing agency or form a new agency to develop and monitor the CMP.